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**Directions:** Write a brief answer to each study question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions to guide your reading and prepare for class discussion. *Whenever possible, note page numbers where you can find evidence to support your answers for each.*

**Check your understanding:**

1. Who is the narrator of the story?
2. What is Newcharlie’s real name?
3. How would you describe Aaron and Charlie’s relationship? Use evidence from the book to support your answer.
4. How would you describe Charlie and Lafayette’s relationship? Use evidence from the book to support your answer.
5. What are the ages and grade levels of Charlie and Lafayette?
6. What changed Charlie’s personality and attitude?
7. Do you agree or disagree with Aaron and Charlie’s prioritization of different ethnic groups? Why?
8. What ethnicity is Aaron? What ethnicity are Charlie and Lafayette?
9. What is a stereotype?
10. What does Lafayette want to say about totem poles?
11. Why is Charlie so mean to Lafayette?
12. Why does Lafayette wish it would rain?

**Make a prediction:**

1. Will Charlie be sent back to Rahway? Why do you think that way?
2. What did Newcharlie mean when he called Lafayette “Milagro killer”? Who/what was he talking about?

**Writing Style Scavenger Hunt:** Find examples of the following literary terms & devices from the book.

1. **metaphor** (bottom of p 6)- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **alliteration** (p 9)- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. **simile** (p 12)-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. **hyperbole** (p 13)- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_